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Dear Sir:

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This communication is responsive to the Office Action dated October 2, 2003.
In view of the enclosed petition for a one-month extension of time, this response is
due on or before February 2, 2004. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

In view of the remarks put forth below, reconsideration and allowance are
respectfully requested.